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7 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
8 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

9 In re:

10 GIGA WATT, Inc., a Washington  
11 corporation,

12 Debtor.

Case No. 18-03197

The Honorable Frederick P. Corbit

Chapter 11

**DECLARATION OF LAUREN  
MIEHE IN SUPPORT OF MOTION  
OF THE CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE  
FOR ORDER (I) EXTENDING  
DEADLINE TO FILE PROOFS OF  
CLAIM, (II) APPROVING  
PROCEDURE RELATING TO  
NOTICE TO TOKEN HOLDERS  
AND MINER OWNERS, (III)  
APPROVING THE FORM OF  
SECOND NOTICE OF CASE  
COMMENCEMENT AND NOTICE  
OF FIRST EXTENDED BAR DATE,  
AND (IV) GRANTING EXPEDITED  
CONSIDERATION**

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20 I, Lauren Mieke, declare as follows:

21 1. I submit this declaration in my capacity as a consultant in the  
22 bankruptcy case of the above-captioned debtor (the “Debtor” or “Giga Watt”) and

23 Declaration of Lauren Mieke in Support of  
24 Motion of the Chapter 11 Trustee to for Order:  
25 (i) Extending Deadline to File Proofs of Claim, etc. - 1

1 in connection with the *Motion of the Chapter 11 Trustee for Order (i) Extending*  
2 *Deadline to File Proofs of Claim, (ii) Approving Procedure Relating to Notice to*  
3 *Token Holders and Miner Owners, (iii) Approving the Form of Second Notice of*  
4 *Case Commencement and Notice of First Extended Bar Date, and (iv) Granting*  
5 *Expedited Consideration* (the “Motion”).<sup>1</sup>

6 2. The statements set forth herein are based on personal knowledge and  
7 if called as a witness, I would and could competently testify hereto.

8 3. Pursuant to its *Order Approving Employment Under 11 U.S.C. § 327*  
9 *by Trustee/Debtor in Possession* [Docket No. 183], dated February 14, 2018, the  
10 Chapter 11 Trustee retained me to provide consulting services and operational  
11 assistance with respect to the Debtor’s business and in particular with re-opening  
12 the Debtor’s facilities. I own a local colocation and hosting services provider  
13 based in Wenatchee, Washington.

14 4. This declaration presents a high-level background of blockchain and  
15 cryptocurrency mining in order to assist the Court in understanding the role and  
16 importance of the Token Holders and Miner Owners who are the subject of the  
17 Motion.

18 5. A blockchain is a permanent, distributed digital ledger made up of  
19 blocks of verified entries. Proponents of blockchain technology state that entries  
20 on the blockchain are immutable. The immutability of entries on the blockchain  
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22 <sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used in this Declaration have the meanings ascribed to them in  
23 the Motion.

arise from the nature of “hash functions.” With any given input, a hash function will produce only one unique output.

6. Crypto-miners use special “hash functions” to confirm the validity of a new entry on the blockchain. For example, an unverified entry may report that Jane gave Jack 25 bitcoins on a certain date. A miner uses computer calculations, and a special hash function, to verify that the “hash” on Jack’s receipt of 25 bitcoins is the unique output of the “hash” showing Jane’s transfer of those bitcoins. Once the transaction is verified, it becomes part of the permanent record on the blockchain.

7. Whenever a miner verifies a transaction, the miner's owner receives a brand-new coin as a "reward." The supply of bitcoin is capped at 21 million. To date, approximately 17 million bitcoin have been mined, leaving approximately 4 million bitcoin to be mined. The total supply of Ethereum is not capped. To date approximately 100 million Ethereum coins have been mined. By design, the mathematical process of verifying "hashes," i.e., mining, becomes more difficult as more coins are released.

To the best of my knowledge, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 18th day of February 2019 in Wenatchee, Washington.

*/s/ Lauren Miede*  


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 Lauren Miede

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